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RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE THE NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION EQUITY FUNDING FORMULA

WHEREAS, the equity formula for allocation of transportation spending funds was adopted in 1989 to ensure that everyone in the State of North Carolina will enjoy the benefits of living within ten miles of a four-lane road; and

WHEREAS, for the more than two decades that the equity formula has been used, great strides have been made to improve the State's transportation infrastructure systems, enhancing the quality of life, encouraging economic development, facilitating the transfer of goods and services and providing modern and safe highways for all residents and visitors to North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the equity formula allocates 50% of funds based on population, 25% of funds based upon percentage of mileage to complete the intrastate highway system, and 25% as an equal share distributed to address transportation needs of each region of the State; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's most populated areas receive additional funding that is not subject to the equity formula, but is dedicated to urban loops, public transportation, rail, airports and transportation needs that are unique to urban areas; and

WHEREAS, northeastern North Carolina, including the ten counties served by the Albemarle RPO, still has the largest portion of intrastate roadways that are incomplete; and

WHEREAS, even the Federal Interstate Highway System would not have been built using a population based formula to allocate construction and maintenance funding,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Chowan County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the General Assembly to maintain the current equity formula for funding transportation needs in our State.
2. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the North Carolina Secretary of Transportation, the Division One Board of Transportation member, the Legislative Transportation Chairs and the State Legislators serving the Albemarle RPO counties.

Adopted this the 5th day of April, 2010.

Edward C. Goodwin, Chairman
Chowan County Board of Commissioners

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